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Craig Davis at GLO indicates that there are no effects of the spill at the present time and their monitoring program will continue to be implemented as usual. No public communication releases regarding the oil spill are planned by the beach program at the present time, although their oil spill division may do something at some point in the near future. I did see an article that said that they do expect tar balls to wash up on TX beaches this summer.

Jerry Freedman of LDHH indicates that there are no visible signs or odors associated with the oil spill at any of the beach sampling areas in the eastern part of the state (Grand Isle, Fourchon, Lake Pont). Grande Isle and Fourchon are well northwest of the leak site and, at present, well outside the projected path of the plume. However, he did pull some samples yesterday to be analyzed for hydrocarbons to verify and will continue to do so as conditions warrant (i.e. the plume takes a more northwesterly path). I don't know what their plans are with regard to public communications, but I think they plan to initiate their normal monitoring/notification operations this week as scheduled. I have left a message with Jerry to inquire about their public messages to date, and I'll pass along more information as I get it.

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